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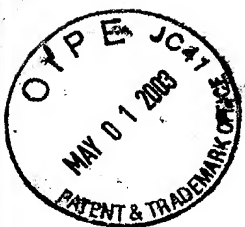
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 7, 2003, the period for response being until May 7, 2003, please accept the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. Applicants thank the Examiner for his statement that claims 15-23 are allowable. Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 1-14.

I. Obviousness Rejection

Claims 1-14 were rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US. Patents 4,625,139 issued to Frish, 5,245,245 issued to Goldenberg, and 4,492,360 issued to